

## Many Trails

The design below is called the “Many Trails.” This design has evolved from a drawing done by Edwin Martin around 1965. Mr. Martin, a Mohican, originally drew this design to represent the walking stick. Eventually, “Many Trails” became a popular way to describe the design, and it has been called that to this day. The symbol caught on quickly, and today it is the official symbol of the tribe. It can also be seen on belt buckles, tie clasps, rings, necklaces, T-Shirts, and art work.

The “Many Trails” design has become a symbol of hope and determination for the Mohican people. The many trails that have been followed by the Stockbridge-Munsee people are symbolized by the design. The design continually reminds all Mohicans of their past struggles to survive and their need to stay united to ensure the future of the tribe.

The Many Trails is an original design symbolizing ENDUURANCE, STRENGTH, and HOPE of a long-suffering, proud, and determined People.

The curved shape represents arms raised in prayer. The circles represent many campfires. The lines represent the many trials taken from the time the Mohicans left their ancestral home.

Created and Designed by: Edwin Martin, a Mohican Indian



## Did You Know?

### HISTORICAL PERIODS OF MOHICAN HISTORY

- Pre-Contact, up to 1609
- Dutch/English 1609-1730's
- Stockbridge, MA 1730-1785 New York 1786-1818
  - White River 1819-1822
- Fox Valley/Calumet County 1823-1856
  - Barteleme/Red Springs 1857-1936
  - Barteleme/Red Springs 1937 Present

## Sachems 1771-2004

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#### Sachems continued from pg One:

"As America pauses to pay respect to its past presidents it should not ignore the importance of its tribal leaders who have made significant contributions and sacrifice to this country," said Chick's. It will be a very informative and educating day as we celebrate the past and present leaders of the tribe. The staff of the library is looking forward to helping educate our tribe a little more on this day and show pride in the past leaders.

We have documented sachems dating back to 1771 to present day with Mr. Robert Chicks. Mr. Chicks was elected in 1997 and has been in office ever since. Some of our other past sachems are as follows:

1771 Ben J. Kok-ke-we-nau-naut  
 1771 Solomon Un-paun-nau-waun-neet  
 1777 Joseph Quinney  
     Peter Poh-quon-nop-peet  
     John Konkapot  
     Heudrick Aupaumut  
 1817 Solomon U Hendrick  
 1823 John Metoxen  
 1839 Austin E. Quinney  
     Joseph M. Quinney  
 1843 John N. Chicks (Citizen)  
 1849 John W. Quinney  
 1854 Joseph M. Quinney  
 1856 Ziba T. Peters (Citizen)  
     Austin E. Quinney  
 1860 John P. Hendricks (Citizen)  
 1864 Darius Charles  
 1866 John p. Hendricks (Citizen)  
     Darius Charles  
 1872 John P. Hendricks (Citizen)  
 1877 Timothy Charles  
 1879 Jeremiah Slingerland  
     Dennis T. Turkey  
 1882 Samuel A. Miller (Acting)

1884 Cornelius Aaron  
 1886 Edwin Miller  
 1891 Zackariah Miller  
     Jamison Quinney  
 1893 Dennis Turkey  
 1896 Timothy Charles  
 1897-1931 No Tribal Chairman

Once the Dawes Act of 1897 was passed there were no listed leaders from about 1898 to 1931. There were some leaders who were important to the tribe at this time but no actual sachem was present. 1931 brought about the era know as the business committee, with Carl Miller being the first until 1938.

#### Sachem list continued:

1938 Harry chicks  
 1939 Arvid Miller  
 1959 Bernard Tousey  
 1961 Arvid E. Miller  
 1966 Lewis Burr (Acting)  
 1967 Edwin Martin  
 1967 Willard Putnam (Acting)  
 1967 Leon Miller  
 1969 Aught Coyhis  
 1971 Robert Miller Sr.  
 1972 Floyd Tousey  
 1972 Leon Miller  
 1973 Leonard "Jack" Miller  
 1977 Robert Miller Jr.  
 1979 Leonard "Jack" Miller  
 1980 Dave Besaw (Acting)  
 1981 Leon Miller  
 1987 R.C (Reggie) Miller  
 1991 Dave Besaw (Acting)  
 1992 Leah Miller Heath  
 1994 Laura M. Coyhis  
 1994 Virgil Murphy  
 1997-Present Robert Chicks

As we celebrate Presidents day on February 16<sup>th</sup> remember whom we

## **Sachems 2004-2013**

**2004-2010 Robert Chicks**

**2010-2011 Kimberly Vele**

**2011-2012 Robert Chicks**

**2012-Present Wallace Miller**

**\*Please give any corrective information to Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library/Museum staff**